

BREAKING NEWS.



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“Esteemed delegates, it is my great pleasure to be here and welcome you to the XIXth edition of GalMUN!”

On the sunny day of the 11th of April 2024, the opening ceremony paved the way for the beginning of the XIXth edition of GALMUN. The members of the board all congratulated the delegates and presented in well-structured speeches the journey, step by step, that led us all here, at the first-ever MUN Conference in Romania.

The opening ceremony definitely struck a chord with everyone taking part in this conference, as it acknowledged the hard work put into the organization and it most certainly meant an emotional moment for experienced delegates who have taken part in numerous MUNs. Likewise, the first-timers were given a warm welcome and reassurance that this conference was an opportunity for learning, growth and most importantly having fun while doing it.

The General Assembly quickly started with the roll call followed by the 5-minute ambassador speeches of the members of the P5 (USA, UK, Russian Federation, France, The People’s Republic of China). The delegates presented each topic thoroughly and their stance for the committees. Every delegate believed that every issue was of the utmost importance and immediate action should be taken, but the delegate of the USA especially emphasized on the Security Council’s topic being of great importance for international trade and inflation. The rest of the delegates stated that they were following their country’s interests and peacekeeping in general.

The ceremony was followed by a 15-minute break when all the delegates could relax and find their debate room in which they were going to spend the next couple of days discussing important concerns of the world.

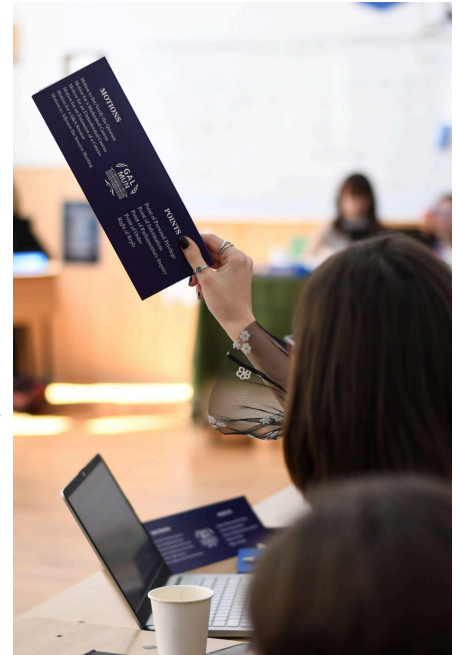


Awaiting the jewel in the crown of the conference, authentic academic debate, the UNODC started the day with a punishment: ✨the Rasputin dance ✨, a demanding activity both on the body and soul of a true debater. With moves that would bring tears even to the eyes of António Guterres and receive roars of applause from the entire United Nations General Assembly, the day kicked off with a truly beautiful start. Roll call prepared, hearts on their sleeves, and the future of international crime in their hands, the delegates firmly but surely started verifying the quorum.

Opening speeches showcased each one of the country's fundamental stances on the topic. After clarifying the meaning of international arrest warrants and their purpose, the delegates were able to highlight aspects such as issues with aforementioned warrants and their importance, solutions necessary for improving the extradition process, mismatches between their country's policy and the international framework, significance of objective bodies such as INTERPOL as well as the necessity of cooperation of all states present. Another tradition present in every MUN and every committee is the classic "no I on the floor", paired in the UNODC committee with a little twist of an "I" counter, meant to stop this habit (bordering on addiction) of delegates.

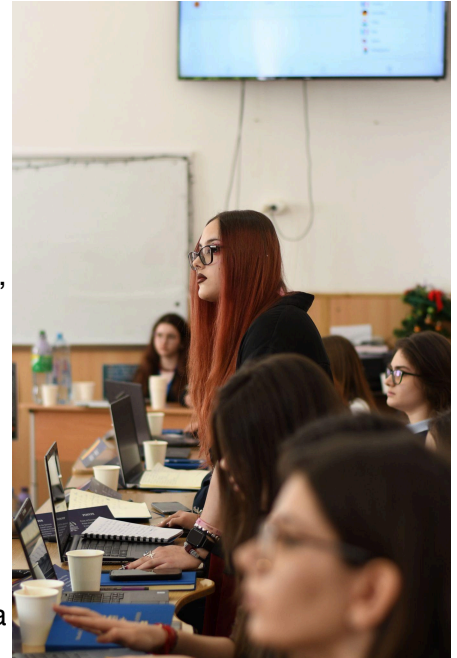
Russia's representative's speech truly highlighted their wish for fair treatment regarding this issue, despite the delegate of Pakistan's act of highlighting their extensive use of Red Notices. The finale of the opening speeches approached with the hope of creating a better and safer future through cooperation and transparency, two solutions strongly promoted by the truly moving "Pledge of Allegiance" offered by the delegate of the USA.

For the shyer of delegates to speak their ideas into the world, the chairpersons proposed a session of "Aggressive Compliments" which hopefully raised the spirits and voices of certain delegates. In an attempt to advance the debate and reach suitable solutions, 3 moderated caucuses were proposed with the winner being a Moderated Caucus regarding the implication of Interpol in International Arrest Warrants.



After a long and peaceful period of academic prosperity, the time has come for the Olympics of a true MUN-er: Placard Rising. A true match of wits and many placards landing on the wisdom-filled floors of CNVA later, Saudi Arabia was declared the winner and the debate could continue adequately, with delegates already starting to propose feasible solutions. With DPRK wishing for countries to be allowed to solve their own issues internally before exposing them to an international authority and Russia sharing the sentiment and developing on the subject of helping underdeveloped countries, the USA moved the debate forward by delivering a speech regarding international trials and proposing the introduction of technology in the process.

As the final Committee Session of the day quickly approached, the chairs decided to combine a punishment for the quieter delegates with a wake-up call as delegations of Saudi Arabia and Togo were guided (forced) to perform a public-speaking exercise: yelling. With the delegate of USA volunteering to break the ice with an adequate “Hai Otelu”, the two delegates slowly but surely broke out of their shells. Deciding to leave the formal environment in order to improve the overall mood of the committee, the chairs invited the delegates to a unique session in which they were able to relive their childhoods in a series of classic games such as “Samurai”. After hi, ha, ho-ing their way to solving the issue of International Arrest Warrants, the delegates returned to the safe haven of the committee rooms where a samurai’s katana stands no chance against a chairperson’s gavel.



Matters returned to their usual course with a speech from China criticising the numerous mentions of transparency and a speech from Russia proposing fair treatment and common guidelines for all states. The delegates of Sweden and Spain insisted on working to find solutions such as creating a database that raised suspicions from states such as Saudi Arabia regarding its degree of trustworthiness. A third and hopefully lucky intervention of Qatar tried to encourage

states to fight against the implication of outside bodies such as the ICC in their own country’s policy due to their “biased past”. As such, a fruitful day of debate ended, in anticipation for a new dawn full of solutions and formatting resolutions!



The first committee session of the 3rd day started with the delegate of the USA, who proposed solutions against international criminality and corruption, such as training law enforcement. Later in their speech, Russia stated that every country should have a database connected to INTERPOL in regards to which Egypt raised the problem of corruption.

The Commonwealth of Australia started their speech by saying that providing funds to countries dealing with poverty to ensure their technology is not necessary, for they are dealing

with much more important issues such as hunger and lack of medication for people in need after which the motion regarding further discussion of implementation of a database was granted.

The motion spices up, as Pakistan is throwing great allegations against the USA: “How can we trust the USA? [...] A country that brought wars and chaos into our world?”. The second session of this committee started with the USA applauding the delegates for their involvement in the earlier session and proceeded to state that the country is not planning to use artificial intelligence for their database: “It would be really unsafe”, said the delegate. As the matter of AI is brought into discussion, Australia shares their view, agreeing with the USA, that being a first in this committee. Canada adopts a peaceful approach on this subject, reestablishing a calm atmosphere in the committee room, hoping for a “middle ground” with every country present. China confesses that some points discussed in this motion do not align with their principles. They do not agree with giving money to underdeveloped countries, and, we quote: “We know best who to charge!”, firmly stating their ground on the matter of international bodies.

As we wait for the resolutions to be concretized, let’s take a look at some of the gossip shared by the delegates: “I’ counter: infinite”. “Some delegates are a bit harsh on the first timers”. “Smash Pakistan”, “Saudi Arabia=smash” “My grandma is more active than DPRK” “Can we complete these resolutions, cause I'm going nuts already?!” To end the third session, the UNODC were hard at work, already starting the process of building the resolution and leaving us in anticipation of the solutions they will propose in front of the General Assembly.



The fourth day began and was shortly interrupted by an official matter. As the chairperson was substituted, the GSL resumed and the UK delegate was given the floor. Today’s subject is strongly leaning towards finalising this committee’s resolutions. For this issue, the delegates opted for an unmoderated caucus.

The time for this unmoderated caucus has elapsed and the floor was given to China. The delegation of this country stated that their concerns are not taken into consideration. The POIs came with interesting questions about the designated number of red notices. “Is this delegation aware that this clause does not impose a designated number of red notices?” asked the UK. “Is the delegation aware we are just offering a guideline?” quickly followed the USA delegate. The response they were given by the People’s Republic of China was short and straight-forward: “China knows best what to do in their country.”

“We are very happy to see these resolutions come to life” stated the French Republic’s delegation. The countries were given one last chance to speak up about their resolution. No placards were raised, so the delegates are waiting for their resolutions while listening to “Dragostea din tei” and reading gossip. As the delegation of Germany stated, every country present and voting in this committee found a “somewhat middleground”. At the end of today’s committee session, the delegates applauded each other, as they said their bittersweet goodbyes and gave their last proof of respect. The countries present in the UNODC peacefully ended this experience, with the great resolutions mentioned above.

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After a short break, the first committee session commenced. A good part of delegates being first timers, it was decided that a mock debate should be held to familiarize every delegate with the procedure. The session started with every delegate's introduction, and a pop quiz about the committee's procedure.



MOCK DEBATE

The main debate topic of the UNSC is represented by **Security Concerns in the Bab Al-Mandab Strait**, related to the Houthi Movement in Yemen. In order to create a friendlier atmosphere for the first-timers, the mock debate was held on the topic of Books vs Movies. The formal session debuted with the roll call and the GSL, and the first speakers agreed that books are viewed as ways of transmitting history, as the delegate of Egypt affirmed in his speech, playing a big part in the culture of the arts. The delegate of Djibouti continued the discussion mentioning the importance of job opportunities available while working in a movie environment, and how books may consume too much resources in terms

of wood. Iran brought forward the issues regarding censorship in movies and books, while also responding to POIs regarding the cruel punishments that are carried out under the pretext of “divine will”. Following this, the tension escalated when the delegate of The Houthi Movement insulted the people of the United States on the topic of understanding books, which ended with a not so sincere apology. The end of the session was marked by even more controversial statements of the representative of the Houthi Movement, which showed their contempt for the countries who have more urgent needs, such as food and water, suggesting them to reconsider before stating opinions on such trivial topics.

Every delegate seemed really dedicated to this mock debate: even the first-timers raised their placards and did their best to participate. The anticipation for the formal debate to commence is through the roof, especially for the delegates of the USA and the Houthi movement, who seem to have developed a friendly competition!

DAY 2

Today, the second day of the XIXth edition of the GalMUN begins. Everyone is filled with excitement and eager to support their state's stance at all costs, so for now, we have outstanding prospects. Delegates already formed alliances, and all are curious to see which countries will support which in the following days, especially in the Security Council.



The formal session debuted with the usual roll call and each delegate's 1 minute and a half opening speech regarding **Security Concerns in the Bab Al-Mandab Strait**. The debate started with the speech of the representative of the Houthi movement who presented their stance by saying that their actions are motivated by the ongoing war in Palestine and the atrocities Israel committed. Furthermore, they mentioned that they would retreat their military activity in the region of the strait if the previously mentioned war came to a ceasefire while citing their controversial motto.

Most of the other delegates agreed on the fact that collaboration is one of the main keys to a peaceful resolution with mediatory meetings between parties or even a violent one suggested by the delegate of the UAE, pointing fingers at Iran for supplying The Houthi Movement with weapons and other resources and stating that negotiations will not be possible and that the people of Houthi are scrumptious.... *Is this a rare case of cannibalism??*

After a moderated caucus on the topic of safety measures for civilian ships, it was concluded that the delegate of UAE has a strong stance against the Houthi Movement.

After a short coffee break and a round of wholesome gossip, the second committee started with discussions about the reasoning behind Houthi Movement violence in the Bab Al-Mandab Strait. The formal session ended with the controversial proposal from China to transform the Houthi Movement into a puppet state to extend their influence, together with the USA, which implied that they would not affiliate with such terrorist states.

The start of the third session, after a well-deserved lunch break, saw **3 weddings**, officiated by the Chairpersons, which concluded the relationship between the delegate of Yemen and the representative of the Houthi Movement, a true enemies to lovers story. Following this, a tournament of placard raising was organized which the delegate of the Russian Federation won in the final against the delegate of the USA, a huge loss of influence and power. The committee continued addressing the spheres of

influence in the region during a moderated caucus proposed by the delegate of the USA. There the option of dividing the Red Sea coast of Yemen between their government and the Houthi Movement was discussed, which the chairpersons ruled off.

The fourth committee session started with a brainstorming session in search of potential feasible solutions. In the end, an **unmoderated caucus** to research and decide the terms of implementing a tax for the shipping companies and of a UN mission in Yemen was proposed. The fifth and final committee of the day saw Egypt suggesting an international task force to ensure safety in the region, and the delegate of UAE pointing fingers at the delegates of Iran and the Houthi Movement saying that such groups cannot be trusted. In the end, the delegate of Micronesia intervened in order to put the delegates on the right track.

The second day of the XIXth edition of GalMUN has ended and left us with lots of unanswered questions, such as: *What will the rest of the solutions be? How will they be implemented in the future? Will the recently married couples resort to a divorce? We will certainly find these answers tomorrow during the 3rd day of the GalMUN.*

D A Y 3

Today, the third day of the XIXth edition of GalMUN begins. Everyone is eager to debate the already proposed solutions and hear what other suggestions will be made. *Will everything be resolved through cooperation and peace, or will things escalate even more?*

The first session of the day started with a speech from the delegate of the USA in which they proposed the solution of **taking surveillance footage from satellites and ships** within the region, in order to enforce the tax solution discussed yesterday. Some of the delegates also agreed, but the representative of the Houthi Movement implied that the pictures taken could be used as propaganda and altered with programs or AI. After entertaining speeches in the GSL, a motion for a **Tour de Table** was proposed by the Chairpersons, in which the delegates further debated the solutions, adding more ideas such as patrols in the region and communication facilities.

The second session of the day debuted with another round of wholesome gossip written by the delegates. Following that, the Chairpersons reserved a few minutes to explain how to create a resolution and how to send amendments. The DSG joined the session in order to help the committee agree to a resolution. In the end, an **agreement between Yemen and the Houthi Movement** was reached in

order for the Houthis to have at least one representative in Yemen's parliament, and a **treaty between UK, USA, Saudi Arabia and Iran** was reached in order to mediate the conflict. After the lunch break, accompanied by a secret treasure hunt, the debate commenced with an informal session addressing questions regarding the procedure of writing a treaty and an agreement. The delegate

of Iran stated that they will offer financial and humanitarian support and stop financing the Houthis with a percentage of their current share. The delegates of the UK and the US will provide the same donations, and stop the bombardments in the region. The delegates of Yemen and of the Houthi Movement were also trying to reach an agreement to ease the tensions. The agreement is to be held **in Oman, in**

Salalah, and mediated by the Government of Russia.



The fourth committee session started with an extension of the caucus in order for the delegates to finish the treaty and the agreement followed by a quick round of gossip. The last committee started with the GSL, followed by another unmoderated caucus on the topic of finishing the articles of the treaty. The caucus was extended and the Chairpersons, together with the DSG, started to create comments for the delegates to correct in their treaty.

The delegates have done amazing work today and we are eager to see them sign the agreement and the treaty tomorrow during the General Assembly.

DAY 4

Today is the last day of the XIXth edition of GalmUN and also the last committee session. Delegates of every nation gathered and finished the treaty with feedback from the chairpersons.

During the GSL, the main signers and the rest of the committee entertained speeches about how efficient they consider the treaty and the Salalah Agreement to be for the Security Concerns in the Bab Al-Mandab Strait. In POIs the delegates of powerful nations asked about future influence in the region, the usual fight between the East and the West, and the economic well-being.

In the end, delegates signed each other's placards and said their bittersweet goodbyes before the start of the General Assembly where their works will be read and signed.



Day 1

The Committee started with a Tour de Table in which every delegate introduced themselves, along with the chairpersons. The atmosphere began to ease with every speech, the delegates beginning to feel more comfortable. Everyone was keen to get to know each other and start debating. At the end of the introductions, the whole Committee entered formal session. After the roll call, the floor was opened for any topics for the mock debate. After 2 failed attempts, the Committee decided upon one of the most debated topics nowadays: "Pineapple on Pizza".

South Sudan came with a radical view, considering that pineapple has "no belonging on Pizza", being highly contradicted by India and China through POI's. The United States of America, as one of the parents of the pineapple Pizza, gave an inspirational speech, encouraging the use of pineapple not only on Pizza, but also on other types of food, and further



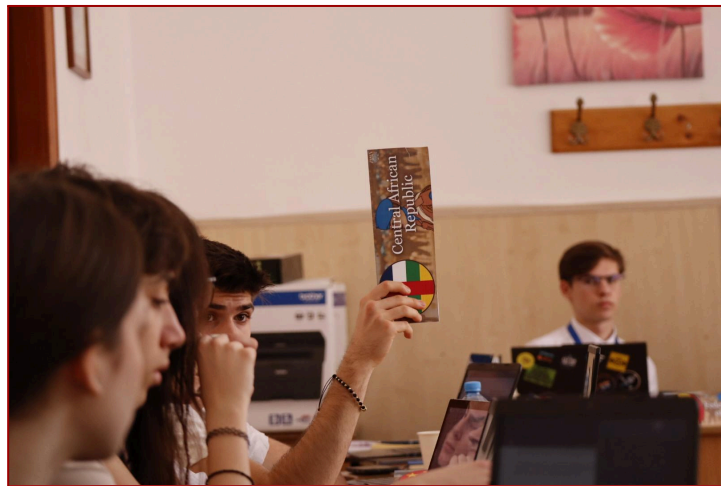
recommended other countries to consider it "an enrichment to every state's food culture". The debate was set on fire the moment Russia made a comment against Hawaiian and American culture, triggering the US to call for a Right of Reply that was granted by the chairpersons. The apology from the Russian Federation was not very convincing, but it was, after all, an apology. Both sides have brought well-structured arguments to back up, but a final consensus couldn't be reached due to cultural and ideological differences between the states.

Day 2

The second day of GalMUN in the Legal Committee started promisingly, with all countries holding impassioned opening speeches. While some countries agreed that changes in the way law is viewed must be considered, others accentuated the positive effect that the Peacekeeping Operation brought to their land. Central African Republic, China, Russia, South Sudan and the USA stood their stance and paved the way to a forceful day of debates.

On the GSL, China started strong, proposing radical solutions when it came to Peacekeeping Troops, including their death if necessary, which the states opposed, with the Central African Republic proposing guidelines to ensure the safety of the Troops. Germany made their point

heard that the use of Force is not stated clearly, and they should consider reviewing it and the US considered that there is nothing to do about the sovereignty of states affected by crimes committed by Peacekeeping Troops as it was a consensual agreement in the beginning. The first Moderated Caucus occurred at the best time, giving the delegations present the opportunity to dive into the effects of diminishing immunity of Peacekeeping Troops. After 15 minutes of intense arguments, an agreement was reached that immunity must not be abolished but rather regulated to limit the abusive actions of the soldiers. The first Committee Session ended with a Right of Reply from the US to South Sudan, which was unfortunately not granted.



The second Committee Session started by celebrating Germany and France's Birthday, a perfect opportunity to tighten the relationships between delegates and chairs. This Session was full of surprises, with no more than 3 Rights of Reply, out of which only one was granted. And there comes the Second Moderated Caucus: Legally addressing the damage done by United Nations Peacekeeping Troops. Lots of solutions were proposed: transparency, investigations, compensation for damages, detention according to International Law, fair treatment and no legal loopholes. On the whole, the Committee agreed to most of these solutions, remaining to be seen actual action regarding them.

Day 3

The Third Committee began with China proposing that Peacekeeping Troops must be judged under National Law, on the land on which they operate. Central African Republic brought into discussion the International Human Law, in response to China's initiative. A Moderated Caucus about the "Withdrawal of consent by the hosting countries", proposed by Russia, made the Committee reach a consensus regarding the lack of clarity, regulations and negotiations of the terms of the procedure. This Caucus had seen another successful Right of Reply, this time from Russia to the Central African Republic and ended with a wedding between the US and South Sudan, officiated by the lovely Chairpersons. The Fourth and last Committee Session took the form of a Moderated Caucus, on the topic of "the overlap between international and national laws". The Committee also agreed that international law is stronger than national law and must be taken into account when judging Troops that have committed crimes against humanity. The Session ended with Russia accusing US of blaming them to save face, which resulted in a Right of

Reply that was granted by the Chairpersons. We are thrilled by the events today, and we wait with eager interest for tomorrow's Sessions.

The third day began promisingly, with the delegates starting to bring more practical solutions to the issue of Peacekeeping Troops. In order for the best ideas to rise, 2 Moderated Caucuses were held, after which the delegations of Russia, the USA, China, the Central African Republic and South Sudan, followed by the whole Legal Committee came to the conclusion that International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law must be combined and rewritten as a new legal base for the guilty Troops to be judged and to modify the terms of the mandates of Peacekeeping Troops to 3-6 months alongside strict monitoring.

The second committee session started with a wholesome session of feedback and gossips, with compliments to both chairpersons and in between delegates as well as solidarity in the quest of writing the resolution. The formal session continued the ongoing Moderated Caucus regarding the Interpretation of Peace Keeping Mandates with speeches from delegations such as Somalia addressing the misinterpretation of mandates, accompanied by an example offered in the speech of South Sudan.

After speeches that addressed the implications of non-state actors and refusal of cooperation with terrorist organizations, a Tour de Table was proposed in order to hear possible solutions from every delegation present, some of which being: judgment according to International Law or



lowering immunity of peacekeepers and increased transparency and accountability. Surprisingly, this event was accompanied by a short discussion in which aspects such as Mexican Police, intergalactic jails, or "naughty peacekeepers" were snuck in, resulting in laughter from all members of the debate.

As the anticipated Unmoderated Caucus in order to start writing the resolution arrived, the fourth committee session moved the debate forward accompanied by the mesmerizing sound of the Subway Surfers music theme and a brief circus tune. Gathered in a large circle, the

delegations tried seeing eye to eye in order to use the Unmoderated Caucus productively and deliver the best resolution they could. The end of the day quickly approached, just as fast as the Legal Committee wrote OCs full of solutions.

Day 4

Welcome back, fellow MUN enjoyers, to the fourth and final day of the XIXth edition of GALMUN. The work that the chairs and the delegates have put into all Committee Sessions is now taking the form of a Resolution, and today is the crucial moment: VOTING. After going over the amendments proposed by the delegations present, it was time for the “in favour” and “against” speeches. Led by the impassioned and inspirational speech of the Main Submitter, the Co-submitters backed up the Resolution with all their heart, encouraging an in favour vote by the entire Committee. To spice up the debate upon the adoption of this document, 2 speeches against were held, trying to convince the delegates that the Resolution put forward was not the most practical one and did not tackle all the points regarding Peacekeeping Troops' crimes against humanity. The final remarks approaching to an end, it was time for voting. The Draft Resolution passed with an overwhelming majority, being greeted with a grandiose round of applause.

The whole Committee worked their hearts out, and it was the perfect time for bonding and relaxing. And what is the perfect opportunity to do both? You guessed it, Placard Signing Session. All the amazing delegates and the lovely Chairpersons wrote down beautiful messages to one another, creating memories that will surely stand the test of time. Delegates said their goodbyes to the Committee in which they worked, cried, laughed, experienced the unique feeling of debating, and the Chairpersons saw their work materialised in the most magnificent way: seeing the Resolution perfectly done, seeing the smiles of the delegates and the fact that they had a really great time in the Committee they have chaired and the overall experience of being near great people from which they have learnt a lot. With that being said, the LegalCommittee work has come to an end, and the General Assembly awaits us with 5 official documents to be read and voted upon.



DAY 1:**Mock debate**

As this was the first MUN conference for most of the delegates, our chairpersons organised mock debates in all of the committees, providing a great way to exemplify the procedures and taking away from the imposing and maybe intimidating nature of this kind of conference.

Von Hannover v. Germany: Does the princess have a right to privacy?

The topic for The International Criminal Court was the case of Von Hannover v. Germany. This case was chosen in light of its simplicity, the main point being debating whether the right to privacy or the one to free speech is more important. The case is based on a series of photos of Princess Caroline of Monaco publicised by tabloid magazines, taken without her knowledge and showing scenes from her daily life. The European Court of Human Rights held that the publication of these pictures violated her right to privacy and family life as provided in Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The debate

This moment showed the dedication of the delegates and their capacity to understand a case. With only 10 minutes to prepare, they made their opening statements which were very compelling if you ask me. And then, the fight began! In this part, the judges asked questions and gave a pretty hard time to the advocates. Very pertinent points were made, such as the fact that she did not perform any official function on behalf of the State of Monaco or its institutions. Overall, the main question is: Why is it important for people to know her life?

DAY 2:**The first committee session**

The mock debate was just a warm-up for today's case: The Prosecutor v. Ratko Mladic. This case presents the events alleged to have occurred from October 1991 to November 1995 in

various locations in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including Sarajevo, Srebrenica, and 20 municipalities in the Sarajevo region.

Oath taking

This part started off as a formal introduction to the court, as it portrayed to a T the procedures of a court case. All the advocates, prosecutors and judges even swore on the bible! We are now convinced that they are honest and acting in good faith, or are we?

Opening statements

The prosecution was adamant in its opening statements, all the advocates presenting why Mladic should be found guilty. Although the UN Security Council Resolution declared the enclaves of Zepa and Srebrenica as "safe areas," which were not to be military targets, the Army of the Republika Srpska (VRS) attacked them between July 2 and 11, 1995. This event would become known as the Srebrenica massacre. At the end of the speech a very relevant question was asked: Why would an innocent man be on the run for 10 years?

The defence followed up with statements just as compelling and naturally I asked myself: What would I do if I was a judge? The defence started by saying that the supreme commander of the army was not Mladic himself, but former Bosnian Serb president Radovan Karadzic. Also, they stated that The Yugoslav Government issued a warning for the Muslim Bosniaks, but on their own they decided to flee to the woods, leading them to their death, which Mladic is not responsible for.

The defendant's testimonial

Then, it was time for the defendant to speak for himself. You heard me right, Mladic held his speech in our very own high school. Well, not the real Mladic, because that would be impossible, but you get the idea. The main points in his speech were that he issued actions to protect his country and his people in a time of crisis and that he should not be judged by those who were not on the front and had never stepped foot in Yugoslavian territory. The defendant also answered the judges' questions, some of which were objected, but we are all here to learn. One of the judges asked why his actions shouldn't be considered war crimes. He responded by saying that casualties are normal in war and that he has a right to redemption.

The second committee session

This committee session focused on the writing of the Statement of facts, which is a comprehensive common document consisting of the facts both sides agree on. The prosecution and the defence came together and joined forces to create a complete document which is very important for the normal course of the case. We must appreciate that they managed to do this without fighting (too much). In the meantime, the judges had their own discussion about their first impressions and the ideas they gathered so far.

To end this session on a happy note, all the delegates wrote anonymous messages on a piece of paper, which were read out loud by the chairpersons and all I can say is that some of them were definitely interesting.

The third committee session

The delegates finished the statement of facts and then it was time for the presentation of the evidence. The defence showed a number of videos and documents, with regard to making the argument that Mladic did not directly give the orders for the crimes he was charged with. The prosecution was just as rigorous with their evidence, showing proof against the defendant.

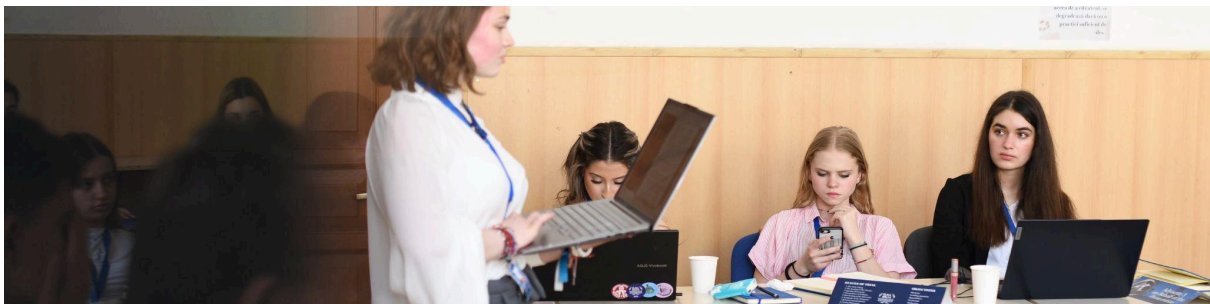
This session's highlight is for sure the Just Dance break which gave us the necessary energy to focus for the whole day. The delegates even had a favourite choice for the song, Rasputin.

The fourth committee session & fifth committee session

To gather all of our strength, we decided that a little gossip break was appropriate. And that is how we mentally prepared ourselves for the next hours of questioning. The judges made sure not to leave anything up for debate and to make the most out of the time they had to better understand the case. Several questions made the advocates struggle for a bit, some of which were: "How does the evidence prove that he is innocent?", "How do you know that Srebrenica was not declared a safe zone?" and "What is the evidence that shows that the soldiers did not respect Mladic's orders to not attack and kill civilians?"

DAY 3:

The first committee session



For a better comprehension of all the information they had at their disposal, the judges were granted a whole evening to think of ingenious questions to ask the advocates. The time they had gave them the chance to find flaws in different documents and statements made the day before. We had high hopes and they came through, as the questioning led to the discovery of a mistake in the memorial of the defence. It turns out Mladic had been the supreme commander of the army, and not president Radovan Karadzic, as stated in the document.

The second committee session & third committee session

We have been all waiting for this: the witness questioning. It is of the utmost importance that the witnesses are well-trained, because if they mess up even the slightest detail, their statement will be struck out for perjury. Spoiler: It did happen. The prosecution's witnesses were first and their testimonies definitely struck a chord, as Saliha Osmanovic, Vahid Slujic and Elvedin Pasic presented their heartbreaking stories about the atrocities they went through. But did they manage to appeal to the empathetic side of the judges?

The defence's first witness was Mile Sladoje, a former assistant commander of a Serb battalion in Sarajevo. When he was asked about Mladic's level of responsibility, he said that the accused was equal to any other commander in the army. Dear readers, that was a lie. WITNESS DISMISSED! The next witness was Cherif Bassiouni, an expert on International Law. Take into account it was revealed that he was on a commission in the UN Security Council in 1992 that declared Srebrenica a safe zone in 1993. Contrary to this fact, he stated that Srebrenica was not a safe zone. You guessed it, DISMISSED!

The fourth committee session & fifth committee session

Last but not least, Mladic himself ended the list of witnesses. What we learned today is that he actually suffered from PTSD. In his responses, he stressed the fact he found it unjust that he was judged by a court established by countries which have committed much more heinous crimes than the ones he is accused of. Mladic also said that he gave precise orders to the soldiers to treat the people detained with respect. Moreover, he claimed that the ones who disobeyed such orders lost their jobs or were sent to higher-ups.

Next on today's list were the rebuttal and surrebuttal in which each side provided arguments as to why the opposing party's statements were not credible.

And then, it was time for closing statements. The prosecution stated that it stands by its opening statements, being adamant that Mladic caused horrific tragedies. The advocates were convinced their witnesses did not play the victim and that it was suspicious that Mladic did not want to answer a lot of questions. On the other hand, the defence sustained that genocide was not Mladic's intention and he did not have a big part in it. The testimonies of the prosecution's witnesses were also made out to be inaccurate because of the age the questioned had been when the events took place.

The judges had the right to ask each side 3 questions on which they agreed on and that would most likely seriously impact their verdict: guilty or not guilty?

Lucky advocates! They went home after this part, but the judges had to stay for the deliberation. All of them expressed their opinion about the case and explained what led them to their conclusion. I solemnly swore not to utter anything about it until the verdict is final, so you'll have to wait and see.



DAY 4:

First committee session, or should I say last?

As we grow more aware of the end of this conference, it's clear that the delegates preferred to work hard rather than to say goodbye to their new friends. But we still have time, as this day might actually be the most important one for the ICC, considering that the judgement is being written and the verdict will be announced at the General Assembly.

Placard signing

As each placard is passed on to the next delegate, we realise the fast approaching end is just around the corner. Even though we can't fathom how these are our last moments together, we at least have the memory of everyone who took part in this wonderful event on our very own placards.





Day 1

Following the opening ceremony, the mock debate began. To break the ice, the chairpersons presented themselves and so did the participants. Each delegate was paying very close attention to the rules that were being explained for the war of words that was about to begin.

In the SOCHUM committee the topic of Rock vs Trap music was discussed which was proposed by the Republic of Indonesia. The debate kicked off with opening statements, each highlighting the unique characteristics and cultural significance of their preferred genre.

Advocates for rock music, such as the Federated States of Micronesia praised its rich history, powerful lyrics, and raw emotion, arguing that it has stood the test of time as a symbol of rebellion and authenticity.

The debate continued with some of the delegates such as Bangladesh stating the fact that trap is just about having money and girls beside you but China also brought into discussion that this kind of music is over-used on the internet and that is why it is so hated.

Day 2

The day started off with some gossips to lighten the mood in which the delegates complimented each other and made funny statements.

The discussion began with the opening speeches of all the delegates where they proposed their opinions about the sinking states and how to protect them, natural disasters, rising sea levels, the disappearance of cultural heritages and how to make long term changes. The representatives then voiced their concerns over the fact that relocating the sinking countries means losing tradition.

Furthermore, the committee developed the issue of modernization of the culture for it to be better understood by the newer generations. Some delegates emphasised the need for a change in the old traditions such as the Netherlands which stated that younger people could relate more to the historical convention of their country. But there were more arguments against this topic from China, Indonesia, Micronesia, and more which reflected that with the modernization of the traditions the culture would disappear. As discussions continued, differing perspectives and priorities emerged contemplating the diverse interests and challenges faced

by member states. While some advocated for immediate action and concrete resolutions, others brought to light the importance of long-term planning and sustainable solutions.



Among the spirited exchanges, delegates acknowledged the imperative of unity and collaboration in talking about the solutions for protecting cultural heritage. The most discussed topic was tourism and the benefits that tourists are bringing to the countries.

On the second day of debate, in the committee of SOCHUM the first ship was made between India and Indonesia! An idea of punishment was also proposed: to have a wedding between the two delegates, the suggestion making all the participants burst into laughter.

Overall the committee serves as a platform for dialogue, cooperation, and collective action, offering hope for meaningful progress in addressing the world's most pressing issues.

Day 3

In the early dawn of the third day of debate from this year's GalMUN, the delegates braced themselves for another amazing journey full of other exchanges of views on the topics from the previous days which were marked by intense debates and strategic speeches.

As the roll call was made and the GSL started the delegates wasted no time in launching into spirited discussions, Indonesia stated that they wanted to emphasise on the solution of digitalising some parts of the culture such as historical documents and traditional food recipes in order to educate young people about their cultural heritage and the history of the country. But some of the other delegates were against this idea, for example Maldives supported the fact that the culture would be lost because of digitalisation.

In the second session of the day, it was explained by the lovely chairpersons, the concept of a resolution and how to create one. Then all of the delegates started discussing and choosing the main topics that will be written, UNESCO, China and Bangladesh being the main characters of the consultation.



The third session began with the game “Raise your placards high” where all the delegates had a lot of fun but also did the PGA which actually won the game, managing to raise her placard high faster than all the participants.

The rest of the sessions were filled by working on the resolution and despite the competitive nature of the committee, a spirit of collaboration spread through as delegates engaged in spirited debates and negotiations. Clusters of delegates gathered together, exchanging ideas and clarifying their proposals through collective brainstorming sessions.

Day 4

Here comes the last day of GalMUN. The first committee session of the day but the last of this edition, begun with laptops opened from the crack of dawn, delegates being focused as they slid through the mountains of research. Their expressions betray the intensity of their deliberations, reflecting the gravity of the issues at hand as they managed to finish the resolution in the time being. Then the speeches from the Main Submitter and Co-submitters were given with such dedication supporting their resolution that all the delegates were all ears and there were no speeches held against.



The placard singing was a great moment for all the delegates to reflect on their experiences, to relax after many days of hard work, to express their gratitude and to bid farewell to their fellow delegates and chairpersons. Emotions ran high as delegates reminisced about the unforgettable moments shared during committee sessions and the social event.

With the Closing Ceremony, where all delegates said their goodbyes, came the end of the XIXth edition of GalMUN. All delegates made really good friends which probably will last a long time from this day forward.

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What's News

(surely not blockchains)

Admin & Budgetary

- culinary criticism
- Love triangle between USA, China and Japan
- Subway Surfers soundtrack
- consensual(?) weddings

Day 1

We declare the XIX edition of Galmun officially opened! This is basically how the first day started, a simple yet epic start. The opening ceremony included the General Assembly presenting their speeches and our fellow ambassadors briefly covering all the topics at hand.

After a short coffee break, the Mock Debate started just to warm up and prepare the delegates for the upcoming days. The first part of the debate focused on whether or not Tzancă the Uragan should be our president, the perfect topic to lighten up the mood.

Day 2

First Committee

We started our day with the typical roll call (one that could dethrone the iconic invitation into the Mickey Mouse Clubhouse) Opening speeches highlighted the importance of developing cyber security amidst advancing technology. The integration of cutting-edge technologies like blockchain systems was emphasized, along with considerations about effective money management and the potential impact of AI on job markets.

China, for instance, advocated for the use of fintech, while Japan proposed implementing permissioned blockchains to increase security. Germany presented a new program aimed at managing AI and enhancing its systems. The USA's speech focused on implementing blockchain systems, combatting hackers, and regulating digital tokens to ensure a secure digital landscape.

✨ Punishment TIME ✨

After a small tea situation between The USA and China, the moment finally came: Punishments :)

The delegates that overly used 'I' on the floor ended up on the "naughty list" and had to do a little *Just Dance* challenge, that really showcased the true "Rich Girls" that they are.

Second committee



Moving on to our second committee, discussions centered on the risks and benefits of artificial intelligence (AI) implementation. It was unitedly agreed that while AI presents significant potential, it must be treated as a tool rather than a decision-maker. To reduce potential risks, emphasis was placed on utilizing AI primarily for tasks such as financial forecasting, fraud detection, and

risk management, where its analytical capabilities can be used effectively. Additionally, concerns regarding AI's potential to replace human jobs were addressed by featuring the importance of reskilling and upskilling programs to adapt to the changing technological scenery.

We ended the meeting addressing some lighthearted topics, including culinary criticism and matrimonial gossips.

Regarding the culinary criticism, concerns were raised about the tasteless rice and oily snitzel being served at lunch break, but overall highly appreciated. In the realm of matriMUNiale, discussions revolved around international relationships, such as those between the queens USA and China, as well as Argentina and Sweden. (about which we even read fanfics, so stay tuned!)

Third Committee

I don't know if it's just me but it feels like mercury is in retrograde or something. From socket crisis, all the way to aggressive curtains and the unbearing heatwave, we had it all. As usual, the USA opened the GSL with yet another speech about the blockchain system (at this point we should make it our trademark for real). Participants then engaged in a moderated caucus to address the pressing topic of preventing cyberattacks. The discussion emphasized the vital importance of transparency, efficiency, and accountability in combating this growing issue. One proposed solution involved investing in blockchain research, recognizing its potential to enhance cybersecurity measures. Additionally, it was suggested to advise the population on preventive measures against cyberattacks, emphasizing the significance of education and awareness.

Forth committee

We started with our second round of punishments: Placard Rasing featuring our esteemed delegays, sweet chairpersons, and even staff members. Following, after we almost caused an electrical outage, the topic shifted toward data cubes. Mother China made a creative presentation on the topic using colorful cards to explain their stance.

Well besties, this is where it gets really interesting. Ladies and gents, take a seat, grab your popcorn, and let's dive into what seemed like the longest Q&A ever witnessed at a MUN. After a few failed motions we finally settled on a Q&A session with the delegate of China on the topic of *The implementation of data cube*. To say that they slayed this would be an understatement. Not even the endless disruptions or noisy background sounds could stop them. Their speech was so impeccable there were 3 full rounds of questions, indicating the highest point of activity of our entire committee.

Fifth committee

As we're approaching the end of the day, our final committee session was solely based on gossips and a last placard rising motion ending with the delegate of Russia receiving the victory.

To pass the time, our lovely DSG Rares read some intriguing fanfictions featuring the love triangle between China, USA and Japan along with Argentina and Sweden.



Day 3



After a slay social, here we are on the third day of our distinguished MUN!

Today marks the glorious return to our riveting committee sessions, with intriguing gossips and funny moments. With the MUN clock ticking halfway, there's no need for mundane introductions so let's just dive right into the heart of the action, shall we?

Our esteemed delegates took the floor, engaging in a lively yapping session as they tackled topics ranging from workforce optimization to cybersecurity enhancements. However, right in the middle of the excitement, the hush of anticipation fell

upon us as the delegate of Micronesia (represented by our lovely chairperson Celeste), took center stage. With the determination of a true capricorn, they passionately advocated for the adoption of cutting-edge solutions, urging the delegates to embrace fresh alternatives over outdated systems like the data cubes.

Towards the end, we had our *tour de table*, and finally an unmoderated caucus on the topic of starting the resolution :)

Meanwhile, the press had a very relaxing nap time with WII music and the Subway Surfers soundtrack playing in the background.

Day 4

Welcome back darlings, to the fourth day of GalMUN, a last chance for the delegates to shine, And you know what? They really did!

Today was pretty chill, just brushing up on the resolution and revising the other ones, followed up by the placard signing where the delegates said their heartfelt goodbyes. <3

As the end of GalMUN 2024 approaches, the Press Team deeply thanks you for your implication and wishes that you will leave the doors of CNVA full of personal satisfaction and with long-lasting memories.

This newspaper has been a journey of its own, it may not be perfect, but, as the Chief of Press, I do hope that the team has served justice to your experience as delegates, chairs, staff members, or innocent people who have simply found this page out of nowhere.

We will be expecting future editions of GalMUN and hope you enjoy the fruits of our labours!

Kisses,

GalMUN 2024 Press Team